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**BOARD MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 16, 2018**

**Bakersfield City Council Chambers
1501 Truxtun Avenue
Bakersfield, CA 93301**

The meeting of the California High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority) Board was convened on October 16, 2018 at 10:11 A.M at 1501 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, CA. The Meeting Minutes were prepared in the order items were presented during the meeting.

Members Present: Mr. Dan Richard, Chair
Mr. Tom Richards, Vice-Chair
Mr. Ernest Camacho
Mr. Daniel Curtin
Ms. Nancy Miller

Members Absent: Ms. Bonnie Lowenthal
Mr. Michael Rossi
Ms. Lynn Schenk
The Honorable Jim Beall, Ex Officio Member
The Honorable Dr. Joaquin Arambula, Ex Officio Member

Agenda Item #1 – Staff Presentation on the Fresno to Bakersfield Section Locally Generated Alternative (LGA) for the Bakersfield area, and the associated Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (EIR)

Central Valley Regional Director Diana Gomez, Project Manager Andrew Bayne, and Director of Environmental Services Mark McLoughlin presented to the Board. Questions were asked and answered by Ms. Gomez.

Agenda Item #2 – Staff Presentation on the Recommended State Preferred Alternative for Inclusion in the Bakersfield to Palmdale Project Section EIR/EIS

Southern California Regional Director Michelle Boehm, Project Manager Juan Carlos Velasquez, and Director of Environmental Services Mark McLoughlin presented to the Board. Questions were asked and answered by Mr. McLoughlin and Assistant Chief Counsel James Andrew.

Public Comment

An opportunity for public comment on all agenda and non-agenda items was provided after the staff presentation of Agenda Item #2.

Agenda Item #5 – Consider Approving the Board Meeting Minutes from the September 13, 2018 Board Meeting

Chair Richard announced that this item would be moved forward on the agenda. The September 13, 2018 Board Meeting Minutes were moved by Director Camacho, Seconded by Director Miller and approved (5 – 0). A brief recess was taken after approval of the September 13, 2018 Board Meeting Minutes.

Agenda Item #3 – Consider: (a) Certifying the Fresno to Bakersfield Section Final Supplemental EIR for the LGA under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); and, (b) Approving the LGA from approximately Poplar Avenue near Shafter to and including the Station at F Street in Bakersfield, and Related Decisions Making CEQA Findings and Approving Mitigation Program

Central Valley Regional Director Diana Gomez and Assistant Chief Counsel James Andrew presented to the Board. Questions were asked and answered by Mr. Andrew. Resolution #HSRA 18-16 was moved by Director Miller, seconded by Director Camacho, and passed (5 – 0). Assistant Chief Counsel James Andrew continued presenting to the Board and Resolution #HSRA 18-17 was moved by Director Miller, seconded by Director Camacho, and passed (5 – 0).

Agenda Item #4 – Consider Concurring with the Staff Recommended State Preferred Alternative for Inclusion in the Bakersfield to Palmdale Project Section EIR/EIS

Southern California Regional Director Michelle Boehm presented to the Board. Resolution #HSRA 18-18 was moved by Director Miller, seconded by Director Camacho and passed (5 – 0).

Agenda Item #7 – Closed Session Pertaining to Litigation

At 12:18 P.M. Chairman Richard announced that the Board would adjourn to closed session. After the closed session, Chairman Richard announced that there was nothing to report from the closed session and, having no further business, adjourned the meeting at 1:37 P.M.